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Public Service Commission of South Carolina

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Gentlemen:

Please accept this letter as notice of my complaint about Duke Energy's request for a 17% rate increase. This is a letter of protest regarding Docket No. 2011-271-E.

Before retirement, I was in business and understand the need to sell a product for more than its cost (particularly, even those costs which are well-managed). I have no idea whether Duke manages its costs efficiently. But the cost of inflation does not at all approach 17% in the seeable past. Try limiting the increase to no more than 5% and tell Duke to tighten its collective belts for the foreseeable future.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Charles Curry, Jr.".

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